MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Pilgrims Rest Church, Fayette County, Ala.,

October 11th, 12th and 13th, 1892.

OFFICERS:

G. W. GRAVLEE, Moderator. .....Newtonville, Ala.
A. M. NUCKOLS, Clerk.....Fayette, "
W. F. BAKER, Treasurer.....Fayette, "
L. C. SHIRLEY, Corresponding Sec'y....Ridge, "

The next session will be held with Unity Grove Church, 9 1-2 miles north of Fayette Court House, commencing on Tuesday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1893.

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OCTOBER 11TH, 1892.

The New River Baptist Association met in the 22nd Annual Session with Pilgrims Rest Church, at 11 a. m., and in the absence of Elder W. G. Baker; who had been appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder J. E. Barnard performed that duty. Text, 3rd chapter 1st Cor. 22 and 23rd verses.

Intermission one hour. During the interval partook of a bountiful dinner, served on the ground.

Promptly called together at the expiration of the time by Elder G. W. Gravlee, former Moderator.

Devotional exercises, led in prayer by former Moderator.

Called for letters from the Churches composing this Association. Appointed brethren James Holliman and A. M. Nuckols reading clerks. (See Statistical Table.)

Proceeded to elect officers. Elected Eld. G. W. Gravlee, Moderator; A. M. Nuckols, Clerk; L. C. Shirley, Corresponding Secretary; W. F. Baker, Treasurer.

Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Devotion—G. T. Hassell, T. B. Newton and Deacons of this Church.

On Arrangement—L. C. Shirley, W. A. Vice, G. W. McGinnis and J. T. Holliman.

On Documents—Elder J. F. Willis J. T. Durham, Frank Wilson and J. E. Barnard.

Sunday School—Elder W. G. Baker. J. S. Shirley and J. Taylor.

On Nominations—W. F. Baker, G. W. Newton, James R. Gladden, T. G. Godfrey and J. F. Holliman.

On Finance—G. Freeman, G. Horn, D. J. Meads and R. R. White.

On Denominational Schools—J. E. Barnard, J. S. Shirley and A. M. Nuckols.

On Literature—J. S. Shirley, D. W. Dickinson and G. W. Belk.

Called for correspondence, when Elder J. M. Waller, assistant secretary of the State Mission Board, was received.

From Yellow Creek Association—E. B. Guin, J. A. Trim and G. W. Richards.

Union Association—F. S. Stokes and Eld. W. J. Batie.

Sipsey Association—A. J. Porter, I. N. Ashcraft, Z. Davis and A. M. Ashcraft. All received and welcomed.

Adjourned to 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 12.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. S. Shirley.

Called for report of Committee on Arrangements.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS.

We your Committee on Arrangements beg leave to make the following report:

1. Call for report on Temperance.
2. Call for report on Sabbath Schools.
3. Call for report on Documents.
4. Call for report on Education.
5. Call for report on Denominational Schools.
6. Call for report on Ministerial Education.
7. Call for report on Nominations.
8. Call for report of Treasurer.
9. Call for report of Mission Board.
10. Call for report on Literature.
11. Call for report on Missions.
12. Call for report on Finance.

Respectfully submitted, L. C. Shirley, Ch'n.

Called for report from the district meetings, when the following reports were submitted:

FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT.

The first district met with Rocky Mount church on the 2nd day of September, 1892. The next meeting of the First district to convene with Concord church Friday before

the first Sabbath in September, 1893; Elder G. W. Gravlee to preach the introductory sermon, Elder M. W. Olive, alternate. First subject for discussion: "What is the duty of the pastor to the Church and the duty of the Church to the pastor?" Opened by A. M. Nuckols and J. D. Thomas.— Second subject: "Is the Sabbath School work a work of the Church?" Oponed by W. B. Melton and W. M. Olive.

Eld. J. W. Hosmer, Moderator.

A. M. Nuckols, Clerk.

P. S.—The District Meeting unanimously request that the answers to the two questions sent up for their discussion be spread on the minutes of the Association.

FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT.

The Second District met with Guin church, in Marion county, Ala., on Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1892. Located the next session with Mount Lebanon church, 8 miles west of Fayette, in Fayette county, Ala., to convene Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1893; Introductory sermon by Elders W. J. Blankenship, and J. T. Willis, alternate. First question; "What is sinning against the Holy Ghost?" Introduced by J. F. Holliman. Second question: "What are the duties and responsibilities of the Deacons?" Introduced by W. B. Shirley. Third question. "Did Adam die the day he sinned?" Opened by J. Taylor. Fourth query: "Is Paradise the Saints everlasting rest?" Opened by J. S. Townsed. Fifth query: "Does the regenerated soul commit sin?" Opened by T. B. Newton. Next session of the New River Association to be held with Unity church, 9 1-2 miles north of Fayetteville, on TuesSay before the third Sunday in October, 1893.

J. S. Shirley, Moderator.

D. W. Dickinson, Clerk.

Elder G. W. Gravalee excused from preaching at 11 o'clock at his own request, and Elder J. M. Waller filled the appointment by request.

Adjourned to 1 o'clock. During the interval Eld. Waller preached an able discourse, from 2nd Kings, 7th chap. 3rd and 9th verses; after which a collection was taken up for Missions amounting to $10.01. After partaking of a bountiful supply of refreshment, served on the ground, the delegates come togother according to adjournment. Opened the session by prayer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Report of Committee on Temperance called for and read, and after much discussion by Waller, Durham, Barnett, Batie, Barnard, Gravlee, Vickery and W. G. Baker, was adopted, as follows: The use fo intoxicants as a beverage is still on the decrease in our churches. Brethren, for Christ's sake let Baptists abstain from this evil practice. We endorse the following resolution from Sipsey Association: "Be it resolved by this, Sipsey Association, That we feel all illicit distilleries and Mormon doctrine to be a curse to Christianity and civilization, and the morals of our country. We do this day enter into a covenant that we will pray God to remove these curses from our land. And we request all sister Associations to join us in this covenant. We further invite all Christians to aid us in this great work which we think to be the work of the Lord. J. F. Willis, Ch'n.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Report on Sabbath Schools read, discussed by Elder W. G. Baker. Waller, Batie McGuire, and adopted: While some of our churches report Sabbath Schools, others do not. While we heartily commend those that are engaged in this grand work, we urge and earnestly request all the churches to get up Sabbath Schools, knowing that much good can be accomplished in and through this grand work. We earnestly request all the churchss to report their Sabbath Schools to the Association. W. G. Baker, Ch'n.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Report on Education read, discussed by Elders Barnard, Waller and McGuire, and adopted as follows: Education is a subject in which all Baptists should be interested. We are glad to know that there is a growing interest among the people. More convenient buildings are being erected with better appliances than formerly. We commend our Educational Boards in the standard qualification for teachers, so we may not be imposed on by teachers not properly qualified. We have Howard college for young men, that belongs to and is sustained by the Baptist of Alabama. We should send young men who attend college to this institution. We also have the Judson Institute for girls that we as Baptist should patronize. We also commend the Alabama Female College as worthy of the patronage of Baptist. J. E. Barnard, Ch'n.

Adjourned to 8:30 Thursday morning.

THURSDAY, Oct. 13.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Opened with devotional exercises; prayer by Elder J. Taylor.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Report on Nominations read and adopted, as follows: W. J. Akins to preach the introductory; W. G. Baker, alternate. J. W. Hosmer to preach at 11 o'clock 2d day; J. F. Willis, alternate. Mission Board, J. H. McGuire, J. F. Holliman, J. R. Gladden, M. L. Parks and J. R. Agerton. On Ministerial Education, G. W. Gravlee, J. T. Durham and W. G. Baker. Committee on Missions and Mission Board consolidated, making it the duty of Mission Board to report all missionary work.

W. F. Baker, Ch'n.

REPORT ON LITERATURE.

Report on Literature read and after a speech by Elder J. M. Waller, adopted as follows: We heartily recommend to the churches of this Association the following periodicals: "The Alabama Baptist," edited and published by Hare & Pope, at Montgomery, Ala., it being the organ of our State Convention, and a true advocate of Baptist doctrine. "The Home Field," published at Atlanta, Ga.; "The State Mission Quarteriy," edited by W. B. Crumpton, at Marion, Ala.; "The Foreign Mission Journal," published at Richmond, Va., in which is much information concerning Missionaries and their work in foreign fields. We recommend to our Sabbath Schools "The Worker and Superintendent," published by the American Baptist Society; also "Kind Words" publications. We believe all these to be good, wholsome and sound literature.

J. S. Shirley, Ch'n.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Report on Ministerial Education read, and after addresses by Elds. Gravlee, Barnard and Waller, adopted as follows: Your Committee beg leave to report that no application has been made to them for aid from this Board. We have collected nothing for the Board. We recommend the Howard College for young men desiring or intending to enter the ministry, and to those of our brethren now in the ministry who cannot attend school or college we heartily commend the Ministers Institute at East Lake. We can not speak in too high terms of this institution for

young ministers who can not spare the time and means for a higher education. But we urge upon our brethren the importance of a higher educated ministry, and think that the Howard offers the very best training for young ministers in connection with the regular literary collegiate course. Your committee has yet on hand the $8.00 left over at our last session. G. W. Gravlee, Ch'n.

A collection was taken up for Ministerial Education in subscription and cash amounting in all to $64.10.

BEPORT OF TREASURER.

Report of Treasurer was read and adopted as follows:

Received from ex-Treasurer	$18.65
Collected for Missions on Sunday	32.60
Received from Finacial Committee	51.50
Making,	$102,85
Paid State Mission Board	$ 51.50
Zach Savage, Clerk	10.00
For Printing Minutes	17.75
Express on same	1.05
Postage	2.68
Making,	$ 82.98
Balance in treasury	$ 19.87

W. F. Baker, Treasurer.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Report on Documents read and adopted as follows;—Your committee report that we have examined the letters from the different churches and find there have been 115 baptisms. We also find that eight churches have asked for letters of dismission, namely, Oak Grove, Guin, Winfield, Union, Fayette county, Friendship, Harmony Grove, Salem, New Hope. We also find a request from Elbethel that the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be printed. We also believe that the money sent for Home Mission is intended for Brother Akin as State Mission.

J. F. Willis, Ch'n.

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD.

Report of Mission Board read and, after a speech by Bro. J. H. McGuire and Elders Waller and Akin, was adopted as follows: To the New River Association—Your Mission Board beg leave to report, that early this year

we employed our beloved brother, Elder W. J. Akin, to preach as missionary in the destitute region north of the territory embraced in this Association at $25.00 per month, by contract in writing, which is held by Brother Akin; and we refer you to Brother Akin for further particulars as to the terms of said contract, and as to the work he has done. No reports have been made or submitted to your Board. We have heard, however, that Brother Akin has done faithful and efficient work, and we heartily commend him to your favorable consideration. We have received and paid out through the State Board for this work as follows, viz:

From Fayetteville church	$ 12.80
From New Hope church	2.00
From Union church	2.80
Total,	$ 17.60

We have received and paid direct to Brother Akin as follows, viz:

From Mt. Pleasant, per J. R. Gladden	$ 1.50
From Bankston, per Geo. White	3.75
From Bankston, per W. G. Baker	1.25
From Philadelphia ch., per Geo. White	1.50
From Philadelphia ch., per W. G. Baker	.85
From Union ch., per J. N. Hollingsworth	1.50
From Pleasant Hill, per Jesse Kimbrell	2.25
Total,	$ 17.60

We attach receipts herewith as a part of this report, together with the letter of Rev. W. B. Crumpton, secretary State Mission Board, showing endorsement of our action in employing Brother Akin, by the State Board. We have other letters from Brother Crumpton speaking in highest terms of Brother Akin and his work. This Board is sorry to report that the churches have failed to meet our expectations by way of contributions for this work, though we have called on them twice through the papers and what we could by personal appeal.

ELD. W. B. CRUMPTON'S LETTER.

Dear Brother McGuire:—The State Mission Board at its meeting on the 12th of January endorsed the action of your Executive Committee and appointed Brother Akin. I write him today. All we can do towards helping will be

to let Brother Waller come into your Association and help to raise the amount required. We think he can do so without much trouble. He will probably come in April or May. Yours truly, W. B. Crumpton.

Receipts.

March 6, 1892, Received from F. A. Nuckols, on account of Fayette church, New River Association, for State Missions $4.80, for Home Missions $4.00, for Foreign Missions $4.00. W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec. and Treas.
J. M. Waller.

March 6, 1892, from J. H. McGuire on account of Union church, New River Association, for State Missions $2.80.
W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec. and Treas.
J. M. Waller.

Registry Receipt:—Post Office at Fayette, Ala., registered letter No. 2, rec'd August 1892, of McGuire & Collier addressed to W. J. Akin, Winfield, Ala.
T. B. Morton, P. M.

March 6, 1892, from —— on account New Hope church, New River Association, for State Missions $2.00.
W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec. and Treas.
J. M. Waller.

Received from J. H. McGuire $10.85 for Mission work. October 13, 1892. W. J. Akin, Missionary.
J. H. McGuire, Ch'n.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

Marion County, Ala., Sept. 30th, 1892.

To the brethren of the New River Baptist Association:

Dear Brethren—In compliance with the duty enjoined upon me at your last session, I have devoted nine months in the field assigned to me as missionary; during which time I have labored faithfully. And dear brethren I find that in our borders the destitution is so great that would require the whole time of two evangelists to do the work. And you, the lovers of Christ and his Word, should double your diligence and withhold nothing from the spread of the gospel of the Son of God. Respectfully submitted,
W. J. Akins.
Missionary, Winfield, Ala.

N. B.—I would suggest that the Association raise a fund for the purpose of furnishing tracts, for distribution among the people. Days service 128; miles traveled 1088; ser-

mons delivered 89; ad lresses made 47; churches constituted 1; persons baptized 5; baptized by others in connection with my labors 7; received by letter 14; restored 0; Sunday Schools organized 3; Sunday Schools addressed 3; prayer meetings held 28; preaching stations 4; number of visits to preaching stations 84; churches visited 8; visits made 221; subscripiions to Alabama Baptist 1; State Mission Quarterly 5; for Mission Journal 2; Home Field 1; Tracts distributed 100; Ministers visited 4; Testaments sold 40; given away 4.

Received from State Mission Board	$ 76.90
From J. H. McGuire, Ch'n Ex. Board	17.60
From Salem church, Marion county	1.25
From Friendship church	4.15
Oct. 9, Mt. Pleasant church	4.50
Oct. 12, Yellow Creek Association	8.75
Total,	$113.15

W. J. Akin, Missionary.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

We, the Committee on Missions, beg leave to report:—There is a missionary spirit among a great many members of the Baptist churches of this Association that needs nursing in order that the missionary spirit may be more fully developed in the membership of the New River Association. Heretofore it has been a custom to appoint a Missionary Board, whose duty was to employ a Missionary to preach to the destitute parts of this Association and to destitute parts near its borders. But the work has been much neglected by somebody. Actions sometimes speak louder than words. Many of our pastors of the churches are very timid and neglect to interest their churches on the subject of Missions, which we think very much hinders the progress of this work, and the result is not what it should have been heretofore. How can the members of Baptist churches be missionaries when their preachers, as a general thing, do not preach it? Most of our missionary sermons come from preachers that live out of the bounds of this Association. Now, in order that this work may be more fully set before the churches, we recommend that each church appoint one of its members on missions to act and report the mission work done in his church, to the committee

on missions at the next session of this Association. All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. C. Shirley, Ch'n.

Note by Clerk.—In the report of the Committee on Nominations it was ordered that the Committee on Missions and the Missionary Board be consolidated, making it the duty of that Board to repo t all missionary work. There was a collection taken up to pay balance due missionary Akin for services performed. Amount in cash and subscriptions, $87.50.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

Resolved, That this As ociation co-operate with our State Board in support of Brother Akin in the State mission work. W. G. Baker.

Resolved, That the Clerk have as many copies of the Minute printed as the minute fund will pay for, that he have $10.00 for his services, also money enough to mail the Minutes to the different churches. J. E. Barnard.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Report on Finance read and adopted, as follows:

From the different churches for Minutes	....	$26.35
" " " Associational fund		10.65
" " " State Missions	.....	11.25
Total	.....	$ 49.25

G. W. Freeman, Ch'n.

Returned correspondence:

To North River Association—Brothers Baker, Kimbrell, Dunham and Thomas Newton.

To Yellow Creek Association—Brothers Dunham, Freeman, T. J. Godfrey, W. L. Gilpin, Gravlee, Holliman and McGinnis.

To Tuskaloosa Association—Brothers Barnett, and L. C. Shirley.

To Sipsey Association—Brothers Vice, F. Wilson, and Gladden.

Correspondence to State Convention—J. H. McGuire and J. E. Barnard.

To Southern Baptist Convention—J. F. Willis and G. W. Gravlee.

Committee on Redistricting Association—G. H. White, J. C. Yerby, J. F. Willis, F. Wilson, W. G. Baker, Geo. T. Hassell and L. C. Shirley.

Resolved, That we tender our many thanks to this Church and community for their good hospitality during our stay with them. J. E. Barnard, Ch'n.

LETTER OF CORRESPONDENCE.

The New River Association to the Sister Associations with which she now corresponds, Greeting:

We are now in session, and harmony has prevailed thus far. Your correspondents were gladly received and we were much benefitted by their presence. Our nex. session will be held with Unity Church, 9½ miles north of Fayette C. H., on Tuesday before the third Sunday in O tober, 1892, where and when we hope to meet your correspondents, and with whom we trust we shall worship together in the Master's vineyard. May Heaven's blessings be upon you.

L. C. Shirley,
Corresponding Secretary.

CONSTITUTION.

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches in our Union, who, on producing their letters, shall be entlitled to seats.

2. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known as the NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, which shall have the privilege to enact and carry out missionary purposes in all their bearings; yet so that churches and individual members are left free, and that giving or withholding shall not be a bar to fellowship.

3 To give churches the best advice she can in all matters of difficulty; and if the Union be broken between any of the sister churches, to inquire into the cause of the breach, and use her best endeavors to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be repaired, to withdraw from any church or churces which she may look upon as being unsound in principle or immoral in practice, until the same can be reclaimed.

4. The churches in our Union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association a written communication specifying the names of their delegates, their number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, and deceased, since the last session, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

5. Every church in our Union shall be entitled to representation in the following manner: Each church shall be entitled to send three delegates and no more. Any church failing to represent herself as above prescribed, shall state her reasons at the next session.

6 Churches may be admitted into this Union, who petition by letter and delegates; and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, which shall be manifested by the Moderator's giving the right hand of fellowship.

7. The Association thus formed, shall choose by ballot, a Moderator and Clerk, who shall serve one year,

8. Every query sent up to the Association by any church in the Union, shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator whether it shall be debated; and if there be a majority for it; it shall be taken up and investigated; but if not, it shall be withdrawn, provided always that those be first considered which effect the union of the churches,

9. Voting shall be confined exclusively to the body in all acts respecting their internal concerns.

10. The Association shall not adjourn any session until she shall have finished all business on hand, except in extraordinary cases.

11. The minute of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the session rises.

12. The Association shall, in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members present.

13. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any session of the Association, when a majority of its members present shall deem it necessary.

Articles of Faith.

1st. We believe there is one only living and true God; and there are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and that these three are one. The Scriptures authorizing this belief: Dut. 4th chap. 39th v., and 6th chap., 4th verse: 2nd Ps. 7th, 22, 1st Kings 8th and 60: Ps. 18th and 31: John 17th and 3: Gal. 3rd and 20: Matt. 28th and 19: Isa. 43rd and 10, 11, 12: Isa. 44th and 6, 8: Isa. 45th and 5, 6, 21, 22: Zech. 14th and 9: Mark 12th and 29, 32: 1st Cor. 8th and 4, 6: 1st Tim. 2nd and 5: John 15th and 26.

Ind. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of true faith and practice. The following are Scriptures: 2nd Tim. 3rd and 16, 17: 2nd Pet. 1st and 21: Acts 1st and 21: Neh. 9th and 13, 14: Rom. 1st and 2: Gal. 1st and 2, 12: 1st Thes. 2nd and 13: 1nd Tim. 3rd and 16: 2nd Pet. 1st and 20, 21: 1st John 5th and 9: 1st Pet. 10th and 11, 12,

3rd. We believe in the doctrine of human depravity, that it disables man from keeping the Law of life; and that man's recovery and final salvation depends entirely upon the provision which Christ has made and offered upon the condition of faith. Scriptures: Gen. 1st and 27, 31: Gen. 3rd and 6, 24: Rom. 5th and 19: Rom. 8th and 7, 8: John 3rd and 16: Heb. 8th and 25: Eph. 2nd and 5: Heb. 1st and 8: Jer. 17th and 9: Hos. 13th and 9: 1st John 3rd and 4: Acts 8th and 23: Matt. 8th and 11: Phil. 2nd and 6, 7, 8.

4th. We believe in the doctrine of election, through sanctification Spirit, and belief of the Truth. Scriptures: Rom. 8th and 33: Gen. 15th and 6: Tit. 1st and 1: Isa. 65th and 9: Heb. 2nd 4: Gal. 5th and 5: 1st Cor. 6th and 11: 1st Pet. 1st and 2: Mark 13th and 22, 27: Rom. 5th and 1, 2: Rom. 4th and 5, and 3, 22: Acts 13th and 39: Gal. 3rd and 11.

5th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the merits of Jesus Christ. Scriptures: Matt. 11, 19: Acts 13, 39: Rom. 3, 24: Rom. 5, 1 and 9: 1st Cor. 6, 11: 1st Tim. 3, 16:

6th. We believe that Saints shall perseverve in grace, any not one of them finally fall away. Scriptures: Deut. 33, 3: Ps. 12, 7: Ps. 31, 20. Ps. 94, 14: Ps. 112, 6: Prov. 2, 8: John 10, 27, 28, 29: Rom. 8, 35, 37, 38: 1st Cor. 1, 8: Phil. 1, 6 and 2, 13: Thes. 3, 3: 1st Pet. 1, 5: 2nd Pet. 1, 3: 1st Thes. 2, 19.

7th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgment, and the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal. Scriptures: Heb. 11, 19: Luke 20, 37: Job 19, 26 and 27: Isa. 26, 19: Dan. 12, 2, 3, 13: Hos. 13, 14: Rev. 20, 12, 13: Rom. 14, 11, 12: Matt. 13, 47, 48, 49: Matt. 25, 32, 46.

Motion to adjourn to meet with Unity Church, on Tuesday before 3rd Sunday in October, 1893.

Minutes adopted without being read and adjourned. Prayer by Brother Gravlee.

G. W. GRAVLEE, Moderator.

A. M. NUCKOLS, Clerk.

As for Gospel Order: 1st. We believe that the visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, who have gained christian fellowship with each other, and have given themselves up to the Lord, and one to another, and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline according to the rules of the Gospel.

2d. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church, and only law-giver, and that the government is with the body, and is the privilege of each individual: and that the discipline of the church is intended for the reclaiming of the christians who may be disorderly either in principle or practice, and must be faithfully kept up for God's glory and the peace and unity of the churches.

3d. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects, and conscientiously do believe the true mode of baptism is immersion.

4th. We believe that none have the right to administer the ordinances but ministers of the Gospel, regularly ordained to that office.

5th. We believe that none but those regularly baptized have a right to participate in the Lord's Supper.

Rules of Decorum.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. To expedite business, committees may be appointed, at the discretion of the Association.
3. The Moderator shall be deemed judge of order and shall have a right to call to order at any time; and any brother not satisfied with his decision on any point of order, may appeal to the Association, on the same day, but at no other time.
4. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except withdrawn by him who made it.
5. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another shall be offered.
6. Every person who shall speak in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or use words of personal reflection.
7. The Moderator, when addressed for leave to speak, shall signify the right of the applicant by naming him or otherwise.
8. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave of the Association.
9. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.
10. Any member wishing to retire, shall obtain permission from the Moderator.
11. The Moderator shall give the casting vote, and shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during the time.
12. The appellation of Brother shall be used in our address, one to another.
13. The names of delegates shall be called as often as the Association may direct.
14. Any member violating the above Rules, may be reproved as the Association thinks proper, only on the day the offence shall have occurred.

STATISTICS OF NEW RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1892.

Churches.	Pastors and Post-office.	Clerks and Post-office.	Names of Delegates.	Sunday M'b's.	Baptized	Rec'd by L.	Dis'm'd by L.	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	Present M'b'p	Minute Fund.	Asso'n'l Fund	State Miss'n's
FIRST DIST.														
Arbor Springs	N O Dobbs, Oregonia	J N Falls, Samantha	Elder J R Barnett		4	1	3	5	1		47	1 00	50	
Bankston	W G Baker, Bankston	J W Wood, Bankston	Elder W G Baker	4	6	12	3	2			38	1 25	50	
Concord	J J Patterson, Ridge	G W Black, Ridge	L C Shirley		11	1	18	1		1	165	1 00	75	
Fayetteville	G W Gravlee, Newtonville	F A Nuckols, Fayette	A M Nuckols, W F Baker, J H McGuire	2&4	3	2	3		2	1	52	1 60	1 25	75
Meadow Branch	N J Dyer, Cane	N L Trull, Kennedy	Griffin Trull, T J Godfrey	2			5			1	19	50	50	
Mt. Pleasant	J W Hosmer, New Lexington	L T Hocutt, Davis Creek	J R Gladden, W G Richards, G H White	1	2	1	17				87	1 50	50	
Pilgrim Rest	Frank Wilson, Fayette	J A Freeman, Pilgrim	G W Horn, P M Walker, J A Freeman			2	1			1	82	1 00	50	
Rocky Mount	A Pennington, Hitoga, L. Co.	W S Bobo, Covin	G W Freeman	1	11	2		1			70	1 25	50	4 50
Salem	I L Collins, Ridge	W F Dawson, New Lexington	Thomas Kelley, G H Dawson	3	2	1	3	3	1	—	45	1 00	50	
Shepherd	S M Waldrop, Maddox	W J Johnson	Elder G W Gravlee, W A Vice				2				49	1 25	50	
Shady Grove	J J Patterson, Ridge	Alexander Ray, Berry	A N Walker, M S Moore	1	7	13	5	17	1	1	86	1 00	50	
SECOND DIST.														
Elbethel	J P Dickinson, Hugent	G T Hassell, Fayette	W F Gilpin, G T Hassell, W F Jones		1	4					46	1 50	50	5 00
Friendship	A N Beaver, Winfield	J H Meharg, Ballard	R R White, H White, J L Moore	1	5	2	9	3		2	86	1 00	50	
Harmony Grove	K Coleburn, Eldridge	D I Meads, Winfield	D I Meads, T J Perry, J P Couch	1	2	8	6	1	2	1	73	1 10	25	
Hopewell														
Unity	J S Shirley, Ballard	J A Harbin, Ballard	Elder J S Shirley	4		6	1				76	1 50	50	
Mt. Lebanon	J F Willis, Fayette	J F Holliman, Cane	Eld. J F Willis, M Bobo, J F Holliman.	1			1				54	50	50	
New Hope	A N Reeves	A H Franks	C W Shirey, A J Smith			2	5	1		1	50	1 25	25	
Oak Grove	A W Green, Guin	W A Weeks, Winfield	J H Roberts	2	1	1	1	5		1	40	1 00		
Pleasant Hill	J E Cox, Fayette	W T Newton, Fayette	J C Kimbrell, G W Newton	4			1	2			46	1 00		
Pleasant Grove	J S Townsend, Handy	G W McGinnis, Bankston	G W McGinnis	3	8	2	1	1			25	60	15	
Philadelphia	W G Baker, Bankston	I B Deavors, Handy	I B Deavors, T N Dobbs, T B Newton	1	11	2	1	2			60	80	50	
Siloam	J F Willis, Fayette	R H Erwin, Winfield	Eld. J Taylor, T N Shelton, J N Tucker	3			2	3			52	1 00	50	1 00
Union, F. Co.	J S Shirley, Ballard	J S Hollingsworth, N. River	J N Hollingsworth, J W R Jones	3							20	75	50	
Union, M. Co.	J E Barnard, Guin	A B Black, Guin	J E Barnard, J W Akin, J A Sizemore	1	29	13	8	5	2		119	2 00		
Winfield	J I McCollum, Dry Creek	J T Spann, Winfield	J B Vickery		12	11			2		75			

Note—Nothing reported for Home and Foreign Missions.